

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of)	
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ABBOTT LABORATORIES,)	
a corporation;)	
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and)	FTC File No. 161-0084
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ALERE INC.,)	
a corporation.)	
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AGREEMENT CONTAINING CONSENT ORDERS

The Federal Trade Commission (“Commission”), having initiated an investigation of the proposed acquisition by Abbott Laboratories (“Abbott”) of the voting securities of Alere Inc. (“Alere”) (Abbott and Alere hereinafter collectively referred to as “Proposed Respondents”), and it now appearing that Proposed Respondents are willing to enter into this Agreement Containing Consent Orders (“Consent Agreement”) to divest certain assets and providing for other relief:

IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between Proposed Respondents, by their duly authorized officers and attorneys, and counsel for the Commission that:

1. Proposed Respondent Abbott is a corporation organized, existing, and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Illinois, with its principal executive offices located at 100 Abbott Park Road, Abbott Park, Illinois 60064.
2. Proposed Respondent Alere is a corporation organized, existing, and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Delaware, with its principal executive offices located at 51 Sawyer Road, Suite 200, Waltham, Massachusetts 02453.
3. Proposed Respondents admit all the jurisdictional facts set forth in the draft of the Complaint here attached.
4. Proposed Respondents waive:
 - a. any further procedural steps;
 - b. the requirement that the Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets contain a statement of findings of fact and conclusions of law;
 - c. all rights to seek judicial review or otherwise to challenge or contest the validity of the Decision and Order or the Order to Maintain Assets entered pursuant to this

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Consent Agreement; and

- d. any claim under the Equal Access to Justice Act.
5. This Consent Agreement is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by the Proposed Respondents that the law has been violated as alleged in the draft of the Complaint, or that the facts as alleged in the draft of the Complaint, other than jurisdictional facts, are true.
6. Proposed Respondents shall submit an initial compliance report, pursuant to Commission Rule 2.33, 16 C.F.R. § 2.33, no later than thirty (30) days after the date on which Proposed Respondents execute this Consent Agreement, and shall submit subsequent compliance reports every thirty (30) days thereafter until the Order to Maintain Assets becomes final. After the Order to Maintain Assets becomes final, the reporting obligations contained in the Order to Maintain Assets shall control and the reporting obligations under this Consent Agreement shall cease. Each compliance report shall set forth in detail the manner in which Proposed Respondents have complied, have prepared to comply, are complying, and will comply with the Consent Agreement, the Decision and Order, and the Order to Maintain Assets. Proposed Respondents shall provide sufficient information and documentation to enable the Commission to determine independently whether Proposed Respondents are in compliance with the Consent Agreement, the Decision and Order, and the Order to Maintain Assets.
7. Each compliance report submitted pursuant to Paragraph 6 above shall be verified by a notarized signature or sworn statement of the Chief Executive Officer or other officer or employee of each Proposed Respondent specifically authorized to perform this function, or self-verified in the manner set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 1746. Commission Rule 2.41(a), 16 C.F.R. §2.41(a), requires that the Commission receive an original and two (2) copies of each compliance report. Proposed Respondents shall file a paper original of each compliance report with the Secretary of the Commission and electronic copies of each compliance report with the Secretary at secretary@ftc.gov and with the Compliance Division at bccompliance@ftc.gov. In addition, Proposed Respondents shall provide a copy of each compliance report to the Monitor, if one has been appointed pursuant to the Decision and Order and/or the Order to Maintain Assets.
8. This Consent Agreement, and any compliance reports filed pursuant to this Consent Agreement, shall not become part of the public record of the proceeding unless and until the Commission accepts the Consent Agreement. If the Commission accepts this Consent Agreement, the Commission will place it, together with the Complaint, the proposed Decision and Order, the Order to Maintain Assets, an explanation of the provisions of the proposed Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets, and any other information that may help interested persons understand the orders, on the public record for the receipt of comments for thirty (30) days.
9. Because there may be interim competitive harm, the Commission may issue and serve its Complaint (in such form as circumstances may require) and the Order to Maintain Assets

in this matter at any time after it accepts the Consent Agreement for public comment.

10. This Consent Agreement contemplates that, if the Commission accepts the Consent Agreement, the Commission thereafter may withdraw its acceptance of this Consent Agreement and notify Proposed Respondents, in which event the Commission will take such action as it may consider appropriate. If the Commission does not subsequently withdraw such acceptance pursuant to Commission Rule 2.34, 16 C.F.R. § 2.34, and it has already issued the Complaint and the Order to Maintain Assets, the Commission may, without further notice to Proposed Respondents, issue the attached Decision and Order containing an order to divest and providing for other relief in disposition of the proceeding.
11. The Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets shall become final upon service. Delivery of the Complaint, the Decision and Order, and the Order to Maintain Assets to Proposed Respondents by any means provided in Commission Rule 4.4(a), 16 C.F.R. § 4.4(a), or by delivery to United States counsel for Proposed Respondents identified in this Consent Agreement, shall constitute service to Proposed Respondents. Proposed Respondents waive any rights they may have to any other manner of service. Proposed Respondents also waive any rights they may otherwise have to service of any Appendices attached to or incorporated by reference into the Decision and Order or the Order to Maintain Assets, if Proposed Respondents are already in possession of such Appendices, and agree that they are bound to comply with and will comply with the Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets to the same extent as if they had been served with copies of the Appendices.
12. The Complaint may be used in construing the terms of the Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets, and no agreement, understanding, representation, or interpretation not contained in the Decision and Order, the Order to Maintain Assets, or the Consent Agreement may be used to vary or contradict the terms of the Decision and Order or the Order to Maintain Assets.
13. By signing this Consent Agreement, Proposed Respondents represent and warrant that:
 - a. they can fulfill all the terms of and accomplish the full relief contemplated by the Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets, including, among other things, effectuating all required divestitures, assignments, and transfers, and obtaining any necessary approvals from governmental authorities, leaseholders, and other third parties to effectuate the divestitures, assignments, and transfers; and
 - b. all parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, and successors necessary to effectuate the full relief contemplated by this Consent Agreement, the Decision and Order, and the Order to Maintain Assets are parties to this Consent Agreement and are bound as if they had signed this Consent Agreement and were made parties to this proceeding, or are within the control of parties to this Consent Agreement, the Decision and Order, and the Order to Maintain Assets, or will be after the

acquisition.

14. By signing this Consent Agreement, Proposed Respondents represent and warrant that each Remedial Agreement (as defined in the Decision and Order) that has been submitted for approval by the Commission in connection with the Commission's determination to make the Decision and Order final comports with all of the relevant requirements of the Decision and Order and requires the Proposed Respondents to divest all assets required to be divested by the Decision and Order.
15. Proposed Respondents agree that they shall interpret each Remedial Agreement in a manner that is fully consistent with all of the relevant provisions and remedial purposes of the Decision and Order.
16. Proposed Respondents have read the draft of the Complaint, the proposed Decision and Order, and the Order to Maintain Assets. Proposed Respondents agree to comply with the terms of the proposed Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets from the date they sign this Consent Agreement. Proposed Respondents understand that once the Commission has issued the Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets, they will be required to file one or more compliance reports setting forth in detail the manner in which they have complied, have prepared to comply, are complying, and will comply with the Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets. When final, the Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets shall have the same force and effect and may be altered, modified, or set aside in the same manner and within the same time as provided by statute for other orders. Proposed Respondents further understand that they may be liable for civil penalties in the amount provided by law for each violation of the Decision and Order and of the Order to Maintain Assets.

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